

REMARKS

Claims 13-19 and 28-53 are currently pending.

INTERVIEW SUMMARIES

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview conducted with Applicants' representatives on February 12, 2010, during which the supporting evidence filed on May 30, 2008 and July 16, 2009 was discussed. Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the supporting evidence.

Applicants further thank the Examiner for the interview conducted with Applicants' representatives on March 11, 2010, during which the Examiner confirmed her review of the supporting evidence filed on May 30, 2008 and July 16, 2009 and agreed to withdraw the currently pending rejections in the Office Action mailed September 14, 2009. Applicants are currently awaiting the formal withdrawal of the rejections.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 13, 17, 18, 28, 32, 33, 35-40, 44-48 and 52 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,451,413 to Fok et al. ("Fok"). See Office Action at p. 2. As mentioned above, the Examiner in an interview conducted on March 11, 2010 has agreed to formally withdraw this rejection. No other response is believed to be due. Applicants thank the Examiner for reconsideration and the withdrawal of this rejection.

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 14-16, 19, 29-31, 34, 41-43, 49-51 and 53 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fok. See Office Action at p. 3. As mentioned above, the Examiner in an interview conducted on March 11, 2010 has agreed to formally withdraw this rejection. No other response is believed to be due. Applicants thank the Examiner for reconsideration and the withdrawal of this rejection.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections. Applicants believe that the claims now pending are in condition for allowance. A petition for a three-month extension of time is attached.

Should any fees be required by the present Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account **19-4293**.

Respectfully submitted,

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